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Docket No. 96-067-C1

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(CURRENTLY AMENDED)** A data processing apparatus for providing supplemental broadcast information, comprising:

a CPU;

a storage device operatively connected to said CPU;

an apparatus, adapted for communicating with said CPU, for receiving a request from a caller over a telephone network for supplemental audio information related to a broadcast television program and for relaying the request to said CPU; and

said storage device storing a program, adapted to be executed by said CPU, for processing the request for supplemental audio information, for synchronizing the requested supplemental audio information, and for transmitting the requested supplemental audio information through said apparatus to a speaker of a telephone receiver.

2. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the supplemental audio information comprises audio information recorded on a recording medium.

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10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for providing supplemental information synchronized to a broadcast television program using a CPU, and a storage device operatively connected to the CPU and containing a program adapted to be executed by the CPU for processing a request for supplemental information, and an apparatus adapted for communicating with the CPU, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving a request for supplemental audio information from a caller via the apparatus;

receiving selection information from the caller via the apparatus;

processing the selection information by having the CPU execute the program to determine requested supplemental audio information;

receiving synchronization information;

synchronizing the requested supplemental audio information with an audio component of the broadcast television program using the synchronization information; and

communicating the requested supplemental audio information via the apparatus to a speaker of a telephone receiver.

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11. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The method according to Claim 10, further comprising the step of

updating a database within the storage device indicating that the requested supplemental audio information has been communicated in said communicating step.

12. **(ORIGINAL)** The method according to Claim 10, further comprising the step of requesting payment for the communicated supplemental information.

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14. **(CURRENTLY AMENDED)** A computer readable medium that stores Computer executable process steps for processing requests for supplemental information related to a broadcast television program, the steps comprising:
- a step to receive a supplemental audio information request via a telephone network interface;
 - a step to receive selection information;
 - a step to process the selection information;
 - a step to retrieve the requested supplemental audio information;
 - a step to synchronize the requested supplemental audio information to an audio component of the broadcast television program; and
 - a step to output the synchronized requested supplemental audio information to a speaker of a telephone receiver.

15. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The computer readable medium according to Claim 14, further comprising the step of receiving synchronization information related to the broadcast television program.

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32. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of receiving supplemental information related to a broadcast television program including an audio component and a video component, comprising the steps of:

viewing a broadcast television program;

receiving ordering information for supplemental audio information from the broadcast television program;

requesting the supplemental audio information in accordance with the ordering information;

providing selection information;

receiving supplemental audio information according to the selection information during the broadcast television program from a speaker of a telephone receiver,

in which the supplemental audio information is synchronized with the broadcast television program.

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33. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** A method according to Claim 32, wherein

the step of receiving ordering information comprises

receiving

program identification information,

a telephone number used for ordering the supplemental audio

information, and

synchronization information related to the broadcast television

program.

34. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** A method according to Claim 32, further

including the step of

paying for the supplemental audio information.

35. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** A method according to Claim 34, wherein

the step of paying for the supplemental audio information is accomplished by a

credit card transaction.

36. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** A method according to Claim 34, wherein

said step of paying for the supplemental audio information is performed through a

telephone bill.

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37. (CANCELLED)

38. (WITHDRAWN) A method for preparing supplemental information related to at least one character featured on a broadcast television program, said method comprising the steps of:

 writing dialogue, not broadcast with the television program, for the character featured on the broadcast television program;

 recording the additional dialogue on a recording medium;

 editing the additional dialogue recorded in said recording step such that the audio component of the broadcast television program and the edited additional dialogue do not conflict with each other when listened to simultaneously.

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39. (WITHDRAWN) An article, comprising:

a recording medium having recorded thereon a video component and an audio component for transmission to and display on at least one display device;
and

synchronization information recorded on said recording medium for transmission to and display on at least one display device, said synchronization information adapted to synchronize supplemental audio information not recorded on said recording medium to said audio component.

40. (CANCELLED)

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41. **(CURRENTLY AMENDED)** An apparatus comprising:

a CPU;

a storage device coupled to the CPU;

a receiver for receiving a request for supplemental audio information related to a television program and for relaying the request to the CPU; and

a program, adapted to be executed by the CPU, that is stored on the storage device and that is

for processing the request for supplemental audio information,

for synchronizing the requested supplemental audio information, and

for transmitting the requested supplemental audio information to a

speaker of a telephone receiver,

wherein the supplemental audio information comprises supplemental dialogue for a character within the television program.

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Docket No. 96-067-C1**42. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)** An apparatus comprising:

a CPU;

a storage device coupled to the CPU;

a receiver for receiving a request for supplemental audio information related to a television program and for relaying the request to the CPU; and

a program, adapted to be executed by the CPU, that is stored on the storage device and that is

for processing the request for supplemental audio information,

for synchronizing the requested supplemental audio information, and

for transmitting the requested supplemental audio information to a

speaker of a telephone receiver,

wherein the supplemental audio information comprises a foreign language version of the television program.

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43. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus comprising:

a CPU;

a storage device coupled to the CPU;

a receiver for receiving a request for supplemental audio information related to a television program and for relaying the request to the CPU; and

a program, adapted to be executed by the CPU, that is stored on the storage device and that is

for processing the request for supplemental audio information,

for synchronizing the requested supplemental audio information, and

for transmitting the requested supplemental audio information to a

speaker of a telephone receiver,

wherein the supplemental audio information comprises a descriptive audio version of the television program for the visually impaired.